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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently amended) A portable locking system for use on a home cabinet to prevent entry into the cabinet by unauthorized entities, said system comprising:

(a) a portable transmitter, wherein the portable transmitter is a proximity indicating signal portable transmitter and is adapted to prevent entry into the cabinet by unauthorized entities;

(b) a portable receiver; and

(c) an attachment mechanism adapted to releasably affix the portable receiver to a surface; and

(d) a locking mechanism, wherein the locking mechanism is connected to the receiver.

2. (Original) The portable locking system of Claim 1 wherein the portable transmitter emits a signal that includes radio-frequency signals, near-infrared radiation signals, optical signals, microwave signals, ultrasonic signals, or combinations thereof.

3. (Original) The portable locking system of Claim 2 wherein the signal emitted by the portable transmitter is a continuous signal.

4. (Original) The portable locking system of Claim 2 wherein the signal emitted by the portable transmitter is an intermittent signal.

5. (Original) The portable locking system of Claim 2 wherein the portable transmitter can emit the signal in a range of from about 1 foot to about 50 feet.

6. (Original) The portable locking system of Claim 1 wherein the portable transmitter is a manually operated portable transmitter.

7. (Cancelled)

8. (Cancelled)

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9. (Original) The portable locking system of Claim 8 wherein the locking mechanism is locked when the received signal strength from the proximity indicating signal transmitter increases above a preset receiver threshold value.

10. (Original) The portable locking system of Claim 8 wherein the locking mechanism is unlocked when the received signal strength from the proximity indicating signal transmitter increases above a preset receiver threshold value.

11. (Original) The portable locking system of Claim 8 wherein the portable receiver further comprises a status indicating mechanism indicating a lock or unlock status of the locking mechanism.

12. (Cancelled) The portable locking system of Claim 8 wherein the locking mechanism is connected to the receiver.

13. (Original) The portable locking system of Claim 1 wherein the attachment mechanism is a two component attachment mechanism comprising a receiver mount and a surface mount.

14. (Original) The portable locking system of Claim 13 wherein the receiver mount is releasably affixed to the surface mount and the surface mount is releasably affixed to a surface using attachment mechanisms selected from the group consisting of clips, snaps, buttons, safety pins, clamps, hooks, strings, adhesives, hook-and-loop fastening systems, geometric locks, welds, and mixtures thereof.

15. (Original) The portable locking system of Claim 1 wherein the portable transmitter and portable receiver are enclosed within separate housings having the attachment mechanism attached thereto.

16. (Original) The portable locking system of Claim 15 wherein the attachment mechanism is selected from the group consisting of clips, snaps, buttons, safety pins, clamps, hooks, strings, adhesives, hook-and-loop fastening systems, and mixtures thereof.

17. (Currently amended) A method of controlling ~~the entrance into a lockable structure~~ entry into a home cabinet by unauthorized individuals, the method comprising the steps of:

(a) releasably affixing a portable receiver to a surface of the cabinet ~~lockable structure~~;

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(b) generating a signal from a portable transmitter, wherein the portable transmitter is a proximity indicating signal portable transmitter and is adapted to prevent entry into the cabinet by unauthorized entities;

(c) processing the signal through the portable receiver wherein the portable receiver has a locking mechanism connected to the receiver; and

(d) actuating the locking mechanism into a locked or unlocked position.

18. (Currently amended) The method of Claim 17 wherein the portable receiver is releasably affixed to the surface of the ~~lockable structure~~ cabinet using a two component attachment mechanism comprising a receiver mount and a surface mount.

19. (Original) The method of Claim 18 wherein the receiver mount is releasably affixed to the surface mount and the surface mount is releasably affixed to the surface of the lockable structure, and wherein the attachment mechanism is selected from the group consisting of clips, snaps, buttons, safety pins, clamps, hooks, strings, adhesives, hook-and-loop fastening systems, geometric locks, wedgers, and mixtures thereof.

20. (Original) The method of Claim 17 wherein the portable receiver is releasably affixed to the surface of the lockable structure using an attachment mechanism selected from the group consisting of clips, snaps, buttons, safety pins, clamps, hooks, strings, adhesives, hook-and-loop fastening systems, and mixtures thereof.